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INDIAN LABOUR IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of reports received through Indian Missions Abroad in regard to harassment such as physical torture, reduction in salary and other incongenial working condition of Indian labour in foreign countries;

(b) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the concerned countries in regard to inhuman behaviour being meted out to Indian labourers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and response of these countries in this regard;

(d) the names of the countries to whom Indian Government have decided to stop the deployment of labour; and

(e) whether this ban is still going on and if so, the names of those countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): As per the available information there were 6891 complaints of harassment of Indian worker abroad during the year 2000.

(b) & (c): As soon as such complaints are received, the concerned Indian Mission takes up the matter with the foreign employers/sponsors and their Indian agents. Generally, the grievances are redressed with the cooperation of the foreign employers and the concerned foreign Government.

(d) & (e): A ban on deployment of housemaids to Kuwait has been imposed by the Government which is still in force.